



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
NASHVILLE AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE**



THE NASHVILLE AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE IS A "TOBACCO-FREE" ENVIRONMENT

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO.	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
SER-09-0016-NAO	October 16, 2008	November 17, 2008
POSITION TITLE, SERIES, GRADE AND SALARY Accounting Technician GS-525-5, \$29,726 per annum		LOCATION AND DUTY STATION Nashville Area Indian Health Service Division of Financial Management Nashville, TN

(Includes Locality Pay Adjustment)

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: ALL SOURCES

RELOCATION: Relocation expenses will be paid.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- One permanent full-time position. The incumbent of this position is subject to call back and/or standby work.
- If you are a male, born after December 31, 1959, and you want to be employed by the federal government, you must (subject to certain exemptions) be registered with the Selective Service System.
- In accordance with Chapter 12, Indian Health Manual, IHS Employee Immunization Program, selected candidate will be required to submit proof of immunity to the following diseases: Rubella and Measles.
- Before hiring, the IHS will ask you to complete a "Declaration for Federal Employment" and/or "Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment Indian Health Service Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions" to determine your suitability for federal employment, to authorize a background investigation, and to certify the accuracy of all information in your application. Under P.L. 101-630 Indian Child Protection Act, anyone who answers in the affirmative will be found ineligible and unsuitable for employment in the Indian Health Service. If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired; you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be fined or jailed.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The incumbent performs a variety of technician duties related to obligation and payment of transactions. Under close supervision, examines all documents (purchase orders, travel orders, training authorizations, etc.) to ensure that the transactions are approved through the ARMS system and properly obligated through the Unified Financial Management System (UFMS). Verifies purchase authority has been granted by Area Contracting Officer, verifies the presence of or necessity of all required supporting documents with proper signatures and certification are affixed. Responsible for all types of obligations: receiving documents and numerous billing mechanisms utilized by other governmental agencies. Verifies the required accounting codes, specifically the appropriation(s) charged; requiring knowledge of special procedures when expenditures are allocated to more than one appropriation. Performs follow-up action on memorandum, letter, telephone or personal inquiries from customers' inquiries regarding status of a purchase order (primarily status of payment). Enters invoices upon receipt to ensure that full advantage is taken of discounts and that payments are made in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act and within limitations outlined under Treasury Regulation. Will trace obligations and expenditures to UFMS, as well as the applicable Discoverer generated reports (weekly and monthly). Assists in the reconciliation of discrepancies between the UFMS accounting system and the vendor's documentation. Maintains overall control over expenditures and ensures that all transactions are properly processed and that total activities agree with pre-determined and authorized totals. Informs the immediate supervisor of problems related to the processing and recording of expenditures. With assistance from the immediate supervisor, prepares journal vouchers to adjust or correct erroneous entries or improper changes by using appropriate codes and annotating documents accordingly. Performs other duties assigned.

COMPETITIVE SERVICE AND EXCEPTED SERVICE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates for the GS-5 must have had 52 weeks of Specialized Experience equivalent to at least the GS-4 grade level **OR** four (4) years above high school.

Specialized Experience: Experience in maintaining general ledger control accounts and related subsidiary accounts which requires: (1) a knowledge of the inter-relationships of accounts and the effect of debit and credit transactions on the overall system of ledgers; (2) a knowledge of appropriations, allotments, obligations and disbursements in accounts reflecting various types of advance payments and multiple changes due to continuous modifications; and (3) a knowledge of procedures involved in entering, modifying and correcting information in a computerized accounting system. Examples of the type of experience that will be credited are shown above under “Duties and Responsibilities”.

EVALUATION METHOD AND RANKING FACTORS: Evaluation will be made of the extent to which experience, education, training, self-development, performance appraisal, outside activities, and/or awards demonstrate that basically qualified candidates possess the Ranking Factors-KSAs described below. **It is to the applicant’s advantage to address the following KSA’s on a separate sheet of paper.**

1. Knowledge of accounting and bookkeeping techniques relating to the general ledger accounts.
2. Knowledge of local programs and processes involving a wide variety of accounts.
3. Ability to understand appropriation structure and applicable regulations involving utilization of public funds.
4. Knowledge of general ledger and subsidiary accounts involving assets, liabilities and capital accounts.
5. Ability to analyze and classify documents and disbursement.
6. Knowledge of computerized accounting systems.

WHO MAY APPLY:

Merit Promotion Plan (MPP) Candidates: Applications will be accepted from status eligible (e.g., reinstatement eligible and current permanent employees in the competitive federal service) and from current permanent IHS employees in the Excepted Service who are entitled to Indian preference.

Excepted Service Examining Plan (ESEP) Candidates: Applications will be accepted from individuals entitled to Indian preference. Current permanent IHS Excepted Service employees and competitive service employees or reinstatement eligible entitled to Indian preference may also apply under the provision of the Indian Health Service Excepted Service Examining Plan.

Candidates **must indicate** whether their application is submitted under the IHS Excepted Service Examining Plan, the IHS Area Merit Promotion Plan, or both.

Non-Status Candidates: Applications will also be accepted from non-status candidates (individual who have never been employed by the federal government) and individuals eligible for non-competitive appointment (e.g., applicants eligible for appointment under the Veterans Readjustment Act, the severely handicapped, those with a 30% or more compensable service-connected disability).

Indian Preference: Indian Health Service is required by law to give absolute preference in employment to qualified Indian preference candidates.

Under the **Veterans Employment Opportunities Act (VEOA)**, veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply for permanent positions as an MPP candidate; however veterans’ preference is not a factor in these appointments. Candidates must submit a copy of their DD-214 or other proof of eligibility.

Reasonable Accommodations: This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify Raelyn Pecos (505) 248-4106. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP)/Interagency Career Transition Plan (ICTAP): Surplus or displaced employees covered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services CTAP program or the ICTAP program for all agencies, may apply and will be given special selection priority if determined to be eligible and well qualified. Well qualified is defined as meeting all education, experience, knowledge’s, skills and abilities (KSA’s) with a score in the above average range of a four-level crediting plan for all KSA’s. For information on how to apply and required proof of eligibility, please refer to the following hyperlinks: **CTAP** at <http://www.ihs.gov/JobCareerDevelop/JobAtIHS/doc/ctap.doc> and for **ICTAP** at <http://career.psc.gov/chpublic/ictap.html>

- Only U.S. citizens may be appointed to the competitive service.

WHERE TO APPLY:

Applications **MUST** be received by close of business (5:00 p.m. MST) on the closing date to the following address:

Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service
Division of Human Resources
5300 Homestead Road NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

For copies of vacancy announcements, download from the IHS website at www.ihs.gov or the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) website at www.usajobs.opm.gov. **FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** We do not FAX vacancy announcements. For inquiries, contact Raelyn Pecos, Human Resources Specialist, 505-248-4106.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

- **Verification of Indian Preference:** Applicants who wish to receive Indian Preference **MUST** submit the **BIA Form 4432**, "Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS only." This certifies the applicant as an Indian as defined by the Indian Health Manual, Chapter 3, Indian Preference, dated March 14, 2001. **Indian preference will not be given unless the BIA Form 4432 is attached to the application/Résumé.**
- OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment. Form may be downloaded from: http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/of0306.pdf
- To substitute education for experience, where applicable, you **must** submit a copy of your transcripts by the closing date or ensure that your resume includes sufficient detail (i.e., required course title, credit hours and grades) to document that you have met the education requirements. *Official transcripts will be required prior to entry on duty.*
- See 'HOW TO APPLY' on the last page, for additional information.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Persons who submit incomplete applications will be given credit only for the information they provide and may not, therefore, receive full credit for their veteran preference determination, Indian preference, education, training and/or experience.

All material submitted for consideration under this announcement becomes the property of Division of Human Resources and is subject to verification. Therefore, careful attention should be given to the information provided. Fraudulent statements or any form of misrepresentation in the application process could result in loss of consideration for this position and/or a determination of unsuitability for federal employment.

Additional or alternate selections may be made from a promotion certificate within 90 days from the date the selection certificate was issued. The positions to be filled must have the same title, series, and grade, be in the same geographic location and have the same qualification requirements. However, if there are no qualified Indian preference candidates left on the certificate, the vacancy must be re-announced.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Except for Indian preference, consideration will be given without regard to any non-merit factor such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, partisan politics, physical or mental handicap, marital status, age, membership or non-membership in any employee organization, or sexual orientation.

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES CLEARANCE:

/s/Raelyn Pecos

Human Resources Specialist

10/15/08

Date

HOW TO APPLY

The federal government does not require a standard application form for most jobs, but certain information is needed to evaluate your qualifications and determine if you meet legal requirements for federal employment.			
Optional Application for Federal Employment – Form Number OF-612 www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/of0612.pdf		Résumé or Other written application format with information requested below.	
If your résumé or application does not provide all the information we request, you may lose consideration for a job. Applicants who submit incomplete applications will be given credit ONLY for the information they provide and may not receive full credit for their veteran preference determination, Indian preference, education, training and/or experience.			
Procedure for using résumé or other written application: Format MUST contain the following information. FAILURE TO INCLUDE ANY OF THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF CONSIDERATION FOR THIS POSITION. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL NOT BE SOLICITED BY THIS OFFICE.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>JOB INFORMATION</u> Announcement number, title and grade of the job for which you are applying. ➤ <u>PERSONAL INFORMATION</u> Full name, mailing address (with ZIP codes), day and evening telephone numbers (with Area codes). Social Security Number. Country of citizenship. ➤ <u>EDUCATION</u> High School (name, city, state, ZIP code if known), and date of diploma or GED. College and/or universities (name, city, state ZIP code if known), majors, type and year of any degrees received (if no degree show total semester or quarter hours earned). To obtain educational credit, applicants must submit a copy of all college transcripts. ➤ <u>WORK EXPERIENCE</u> Copy of latest Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50B) if current or former federal employee. Highest federal civilian grade held (give job series and dates held) Work experience (paid and unpaid) Job title (include series and grade if federal job) Duties and accomplishments Employer's name and address Supervisor's name and telephone number Starting and ending dates (month and year) Hours per week Salary Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor. ➤ <u>OTHER QUALIFICATIONS</u> Give dates but do not send documents unless requested Job related training courses Job related skills, i.e., computer software/hardware, tools, typing speed Job related certificates and licenses (if you are a licensed medical professional, submit copy of license to practice) Honors, awards, special accomplishments, i.e., publications, memberships, in professional or honor societies, leadership activities, public speaking, and performance awards. 			
Submit a copy of applicable documents with your application if you are in the following categories:			
COMMISSIONED OFFICER	INDIAN PREFERENCE	VETERAN PREFERENCE	FEDERAL EMPLOYEE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Current Billet description ➤ Most recent "Commissioned Officers Effectiveness Report". ➤ Child Care Statement Form ➤ Applicable Licensure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Verification of Indian Preference for employment, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Form 4432. ➤ Preference will not be given unless a copy of the BIA Form 4432 is attached to the application. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Certificates of Release or discharge from Active Duty, VA form DD-214, and/or ➤ Application for 10-point Veterans Preference, Form SF-15 and supporting documents. ➤ To receive preference if your service began October 15, 1976, you must have a Campaign Badge, Expeditionary Medal, or a service connect disability. ➤ Preference will not be given unless a copy of the DD-214 (with appropriate dates) is attached to the application. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Latest Notification of Personnel Action, SF-50B verifying civil service status, grade, etc. ➤ Current performance appraisal. ➤ Priority consideration will not be given to DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, unless a copy of the appropriate documentation such as a RIF separation letter, a letter from OPM or your agency documentation showing your priority consideration status is attached to the application.